A veteran of three years overseas, Major Way served as battery commander and later as battalion S-3, operations, officer with the 62nd Field Artillery in seven major campaigns including Tunisia, Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe. His decorations are the Bronze Star, Croix de Guerre with a silver star and the Presidential Unit Citation. He received his commission at the University in the Reserve Officers Corps in May, 1935, and attended the Officer Specialist Course in Communication in August, 1941. Before entering service, Major Way was an accountant for the Continental Oil Company of Ponca City.

Obert Gets Silver Star, D. F. C.

Lt. Col. David Obert, '40, Apache, now a student in Illinois School of Technology, recently received the Silver Star and Distinguished Flying Cross earned four years ago with the 24th Pursuit Group in the Philippines.

These were added to the Bronze Star, which he later won with the Italy based 12th Air Force during the invasion of southern France, and the ribbon of a Presidential Unit Citation with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

Colonel Obert was in the Pacific theater when World War II crashed on the scene. There he met and married a Chicago girl, who lived with his uncle in Manila.

While his P-40 pursuit group fought an expert and costly rear-guard, air action before Batan, his wife was captured and interned at Santo Tomas. It was less than a month after her capture that Obert led a night attack on Japanese installations at Nichols field, guiding his flight in complete darkness on devastating low level attacks. Leaving his flight he made two additional passes at the field alone, and then, sighting a long, well-lighted enemy motor convoy, he strafed the entire length of the column, inflicting heavy casualties.

The citation for his Distinguished Flying Cross says: "His spirited initiative, resourcefulness and high degree of airmanship contributed materially to the heroic defense of the Philippine Islands."

Colonel Obert was in Italy when he heard of his wife's rescue from Santo Tomas by men of the First Cavalry Division. He received his discharge last December.

Fifty-nine master's degrees were granted last summer at the University of Oklahoma.